

House Study Bill 560 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administrator quality program and
2 to a coaching and support system for school district
3 administrators.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 63, paragraph b, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Develop and implement, subject to an appropriation of
4 funds by the general assembly, a coaching and support system
5 for administrators. The coaching and support system shall
6 be aligned with the beginning administrator mentoring and
7 induction program created pursuant to section 284A.5 and shall
8 also be designed to support administrators in school districts
9 approved to implement the framework and comparable systems set
10 forth pursuant to sections 284.15, 284.16, and 284.17.

11 Sec. 2. Section 284A.2, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 1. "Administrator" means an individual holding a
14 professional administrator license issued under chapter 272
15 who is employed in a school district administrative position
16 by a school district or area education agency pursuant to
17 a contract issued by a board of directors under section
18 279.23 and is engaged in instructional leadership. An
19 administrator may be employed in both an administrative and a
20 nonadministrative position by a board of directors and shall
21 be considered a part-time administrator for the portion of
22 time that the individual is employed in an administrative
23 position. ~~"Administrator" does not include assistant principals~~
24 ~~or assistant superintendents.~~

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to the administrator quality program
29 by providing that the term "administrator", for purposes of
30 the program, may include assistant principals and assistant
31 superintendents. The bill expands and modifies a requirement
32 that the director of the department of education establish
33 a coaching and support system for administrators in school
34 districts that is aligned with the Iowa standards for
35 administrators. The bill makes the requirement contingent

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1 on an appropriation by the general assembly, and adds that
2 the system must also be designed to support administrators in
3 school districts that are implementing approved career path,
4 leadership roles, and compensation frameworks or comparable
5 systems for teachers.